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Lyman F. Spencer, Esq.,

Welland.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I have been very much interested in your letter which has just arrived and am concerned to know that you feel that at present the tone of the people is causing you some anxiety. It is really to keep their hearts up by information that this Bureau was instituted and I hope that it may have some effect. I am sending your letter on to Ottawa to the Headquarters of the Bureau in order that Mr. Nichols may know the state of affairs. Meantime in answer to your own letter I would say that I think it would be unwise to do anything that would antagonise the clergy. We require united effort to the utmost. The move to get education in the schools will I hope be successful.

Just at present I am sorry I could not go to Welland as I am leaving for the States. If, however, your speakers do not feel that at present they can undertake the short addresses I would counsel waiting until the situation has been looked into more fully at Ottawa. I was asked to go to Ottawa to-morrow, but I am unable to do so. It is not improbable that when I return from the States I may have to go down. Your letter puts before us facts and a situati that we must carefully consider. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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